

SUBCOMMITTEE: SOL AND SOQ

HOUSE BILL NO. 1653

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the House Committee on Education

on \_\_\_\_\_)

(Patron Prior to Substitute--Delegate Wilt)

A BILL to require the Department of Education to collect data from school boards regarding their ability to fill school counselor positions.

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

1. § 1. The Department of Education shall collect data from school boards regarding their ability to fill school counselor positions, including (i) the number of school counselors employed in elementary, middle, and high schools in the local school division; (ii) the number and duration of school counselor vacancies; (iii) the number, role, and license type of other licensed counseling professionals employed by the school board; and (iv) information about their preferences for meeting updated school counselor to student ratios with other licensed counseling professionals. The Department of Education shall report the results of such data collection to the Governor, the Secretary of Education, the House Committee on Appropriations, and the Senate Committee on Finance and Appropriations no later than December 1, 2020.

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